

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A fixing apparatus for fixing the toner to a sheet (8, 8') in a printer said fixing apparatus comprising: a cooling device (6) for cooling the sheet (8, 8') with a coolant after fixing the toner to the sheet (8, 8'), the cooling device (6) including a flow passage (18) for blowing the coolant to the sheet (8, 8') said flow passage (18) converging to increase the velocity of the coolant, said flow passage (18) being made of a flexible material, and the shape of said flow passage (18) being changeable.

2. **(Original)** The fixing apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said cooling device (6) includes a swirler (12) to produce a swirled flow of the coolant.

3. **(Original)** The fixing apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said cooling device (6) has ports (9) for the passage of the coolant and at least one damper (11) for controlled uncovering and covering of the ports (9).

4. **(Cancelled)**

5. **(Original)** The fixing apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said cooling device (6) has a device (5) for producing compressed air.

6. **(Original)** The fixing apparatus of Claim 1, wherein said coolant partly contains finely atomized water, which is accumulated in the fixing device during fixing.

7. **(Original)** The fixing apparatus of Claim 5, further including compressed air device (5) under the sheet (8, 8') for touchless transport of the sheet (8, 8').

8. **(Original)** The fixing apparatus of Claim 7, wherein said compressed air device (5) for touchless transport of the sheet (8, 8') has ports (9') of different sizes, with different force action of the sheet (8, 8') being applied depending on the port size.

9. **(Cancelled)**

10. **(Cancelled)**

11. **(Cancelled)**

12. **(Cancelled)**

13. **(Cancelled)**